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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are described on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 3 of this paper. An Appendix including formal drawing replacement sheets is attached following page 15 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.